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annealing of metallization micro-structures  
in the production of a microelectronic  
device

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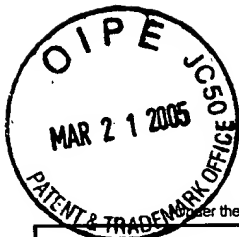
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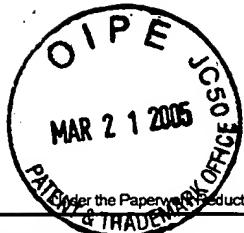
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